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DPD 3479-59
21 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ZI Location of Agency Air Assets

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1. In response to our memorandum to Headquarters USAF, dated 20 April 1959, concerning the possible relocation of Agency air assets from Europe to the United States, and our request for ZI bases that could provide the necessary support, the USAF recommended on 12 May 1959 that we consider [REDACTED] as that location. This recommendation was made as a result of meetings of Headquarters USAF personnel and Headquarters AMC, [REDACTED] It was determined that [REDACTED] appeared to be the most suitable location for our ZI detachment.

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2. A meeting was held by members of DPD with Lt. Col. Prouty, Headquarters USAF, on 20 May 1959. A careful and thorough review of the location site was made at that time. Lt. Col. Prouty assured the meeting personnel that Kelly Air Force Base had received thorough consideration, however, the Air Material Command did not respond favorably to receiving our unit. Facilities such as hangar, shop space, and ramp space were not available. Brooks Air Force Base was eliminated for lack of adequate facilities, inability to furnish adequate base support, and the fact that the unit would be quite noticeable. [REDACTED] appears to be the most acceptable location in that:

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a. We will be welcome by

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b. We have operated from [REDACTED] for approximately two years

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and our aircraft would not be new to the base.

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d. If based at [REDACTED] C-54 transport aircraft of the unit would be within three and one-half (3:30) hours flying time

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of the Texas depot facility where ordinance items are stored and
approximately four (4) hours flying from Washington, D. C. where
other items needed for resupply are stored. Experience factors over
the past two years indicates that when items [REDACTED] 25X1C
[REDACTED] are shipped in large quantities from the U. S. to an over-
seas staging location, the USAF furnishes us larger type transport air-
craft, such as, the C-130, C-121, and C-124 type to do this job.

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3. The acceptance of a U. S. base location is of prime importance.
As soon as we decide the location, an advanced echelon should be in place
to establish supply, maintenance, and organizational procedures. In this
respect, a survey team of key personnel of DPD and a representative of
General Glen W. Martin will proceed on or about 27 May 1959 to [REDACTED] and
Kelly Air Force Bases to determine with representatives of the respective
Commanders the available facilities and other issues that must be resolved
prior to final discussions and personnel movements.

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4. It is therefore recommended that a briefing be held for the DDCI
at an early date, upon the return of the survey team, to more fully cover
this location problem.

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